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SPECIFICATION FOR
SHUTOFF, VALVE, BALL

1. SCOPE.

1.1. Scope. The shutoff described in this specification is a ball valve type with a 1 inch 11-1/2 NPSH or 1-1/2 inch 9 NH inlet and outlet, for use with a nozzle in wildland firefighting. Working pressure is up to 600 psig (4137 kPag).

2. Applicable Documents.

2.1. Government Documents. The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of these documents are those in effect on the date of the invitation for bids or request for proposals (see 6.2).

USDA Forest Service Standard

5100-190 - Threads, Gaskets, Rocker Lugs, Connections and Fittings, Fire Hose

Federal Specifications

QQ-A-225 - Aluminum and Aluminum Alloy Bar, Rod, Wire, or Special Shapes; Rolled, Drawn, or Cold Finished; General Specification for

QQ-A-225/3 - Aluminum Alloy Bar, Rod, and Wire; Rolled, Drawn, or Cold Finished,

QQ-A225/10 - Aluminum Alloy Bar, Rod, and Wire; Rolled, Drawn, or Cold Finished, 6262

QQ-A-367 - Aluminum Alloy Forgings

Copies of federal specifications are available from General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service Bureau, Specification Section, Suite 200, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington DC 20407.

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Copies of USDA Forest Service Standards are available from USDA Forest Service, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773-3198.

2.2. Non-Government Publications. The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of these documents are those in effect on the date of the invitation for bids or requests for proposals.

American National Standards Institute Inc. (ANSI)/American Society for Quality Control (ASQC)

Z 1.4 - Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes.

Address requests for copies to the American National Standards Institute Inc., 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

- B 26 - Aluminum-Alloy Sand Castings
- B 221 - Aluminum-Alloy Extruded Bars, Rods, Wire, Shapes, and Tubes
- B 241 - Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Seamless Pipe and Seamless Extruded Tube
- D 570 - Test Method for Water Absorption of Plastics
- D 635 - Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position
- D 638 - Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
- D 785 - Test Method for Rockwell Hardness of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials

Address requests for copies to American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)/American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)

SI 10 - Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System

Address requests for copies to American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

Non-Government standards and other publications normally are available from the organizations that prepare or distribute the documents. These documents also may be available in or through libraries or other informational services.

2.3. Order of Precedence. In the event of conflict between the text of this document and the references cited herein, the text of this document takes precedence. Nothing in this document, however, supersedes applicable laws and regulations unless a specific exemption has been obtained.

3. REQUIREMENTS.

3.1. First Article. Unless otherwise specified, first article inspection shall be performed on a product sample(s), in accordance with 4.4.3.

3.2. Shutoff Ball Valve Construction. The ball valve shutoff shall consist of a rotating type ball valve with a lever to open and close the valve. The components may be extruded, cast, forged or machined. See Figure 1 for configuration. Figure 1 is provided for information only and is not intended to designate a particular design or manufacturer.

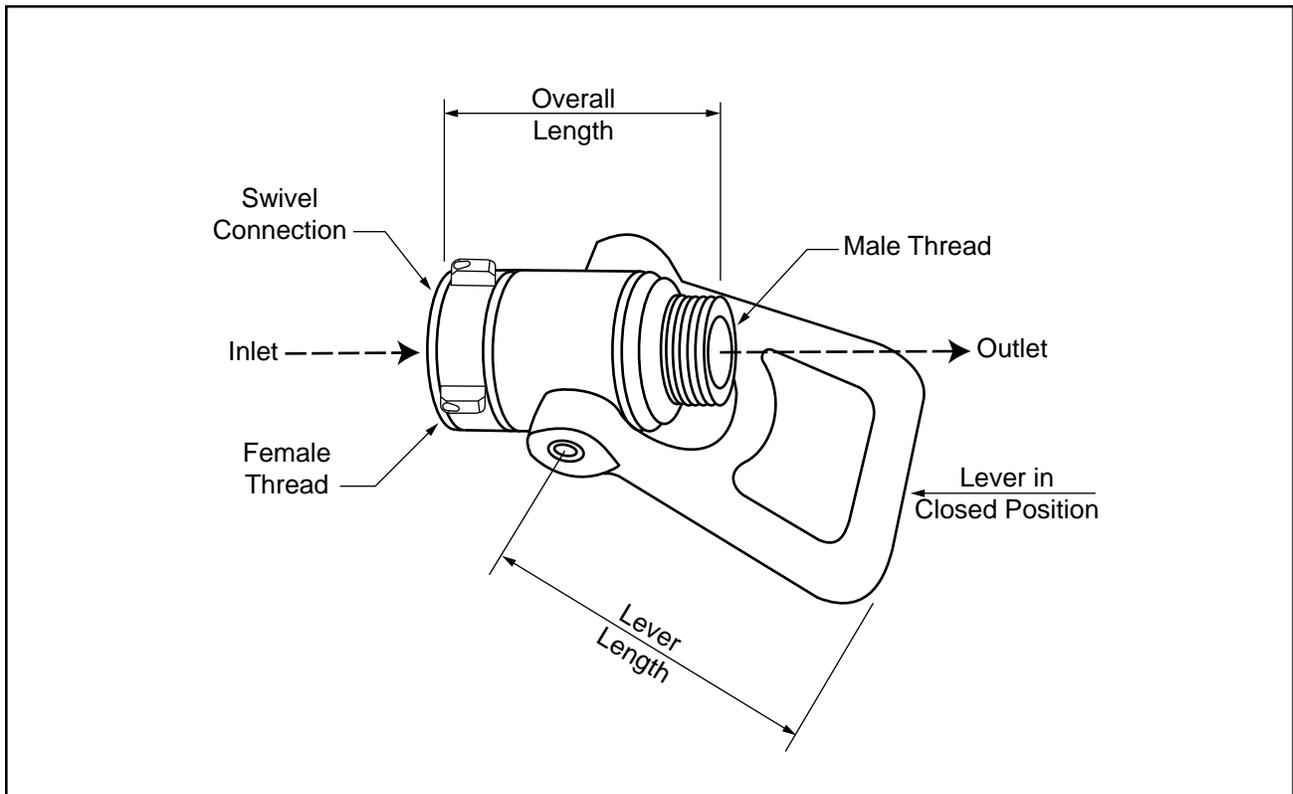


Figure 1. Ball valve shutoff configuration.

3.2.1. Inlet and Outlet. The inlet end shall be a female thread with gasket recess and the outlet shall be male thread. Inlet and outlet shall be axially in alignment. Inlet and outlet thread series designations shall be as indicated in Table 1. A gasket shall be installed in each shutoff inlet. A swivel connection with rocker lugs shall be included. The inlet or discharge end shall be removable to allow for cleaning and repair. The inlet swivel section shall have a maximum length of 1.4 inch \pm 0.062 inch (35.6 mm \pm 1.58 mm), as shown in Figure 1.

3.2.2. Swivel. The inlet swivel shall be designed with a tolerance to permit free turning by a light twisting action before and after proof pressure testing, as required in 3.10.2.

Table 1. Shutoff Dimensions and Weight

Inlet and Outlet Thread Series Designation	Maximum Dimensions		Minimum to Maximum Lever Length inch inch (mm) (mm)	Maximum Weight Ounce (g)	Waterway Diameter (Actual) inch (mm)
	Overall Length inch (mm)	Body Diameter inch (mm)			
1 inch 11-1/2 NPSH	3.50 (88.9)	2.0 (50.8)	3.0 to 3.5 (76.2) (88.9)	16 (454)	0.75 (19.05)
1-1/2 inch 9 NH	4.00 (101.6)	2.5 (63.5)	3.0 to 4.0 (76.2) (101.6)	28 (794)	1.00 (25.4)

3.2.3. Stops. There shall be stops located at each lever position marking of “On” and “Off” or “Open” and “Closed”. The closed position shall be toward the discharge outlet as shown in Figure 1.

3.3. Materials. Where more than one type of material is used in various components, there shall be no incompatibility between materials which may cause corrosion.

3.3.1. Shutoff Body and Lever Material. The shutoff body and lever material shall conform to the following:

- a. Extruded aluminum alloy, 6061-T6, in accordance with ASTM B 221 and B 241 or
- b. Cast aluminum alloy, 356-T6, in accordance with ASTM B 26 or
- c. Forged aluminum alloy, 6061-T6, in accordance with Federal Specification QQ-A-367 or
- d. Aluminum alloy, 6262-T9, in accordance with Federal Specifications QQ-A-225 and QQ-A-225/10 or
- e. Aluminum alloy, 2011-T3, in accordance with Federal Specifications QQ-A-225 and QQ-A-225/10 or
- f. Nylon Ultramid B3L for the lever only.

3.3.2. Ball and Seat Material. The ball and seat shall be stainless steel, aluminum alloy, plastic, or a combination of these materials. If a plastic ball and/or seat are used, they shall meet minimum physical properties indicated in Table 2, when tested in accordance with 4.5.3.

Table 2. Plastic Ball and Seat Material Physical Properties

Physical Properties	Values
Tensile strength at yield	8,800 psi at 73 °F (60.7 MPa at 22.8 °C)
Elongation at break	60% at 73 °F (22.8 °C)
Rockwell Hardness	M80
Water absorption	0.22% at 73 °F (22.8 °C) (24 hour immersion)

3.3.3. Gasket Material. Gasket material physical properties shall meet the requirements of USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190.

3.3.4. Recoverable Materials. The contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.403 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), provided all performance requirements of this specification are met.

3.4. Dimensions and Weight. Dimensions and weight shall be as indicated in Table 1.

3.4.1. Dimensional Tolerance. Unless otherwise noted, the following tolerances apply: one place (x.x) +/- 0.1 inch (2.5 mm); two places (x.xx) +/- 0.01 inch (0.25 mm) and three places (x.xxx) +/- 0.010 inch (0.254 mm).

3.5. Workmanship. Workmanship shall be equal to the best commercial practices consistent with the highest engineering standards in the industry and shall be free from any defect which may impair serviceability or detract from the product's appearance.

3.5.1. Symmetry. All metal part sections shall be symmetrical and concentric to 0.030 inch (0.762 mm).

3.5.2. Forged or Extruded Components. Forged and extruded sections shall be free from laps, sharp die marks, cracks or other defects.

3.5.3. Cast Components. Cast parts shall be fine-grained, free from blowholes, pinholes, pits, porosity, hard spots, shrinkage, cracks or other defects.

3.5.4. Plastics. All plastic parts shall be fully and completely formed from the mold. There shall be no blisters, pinholes, pits, sink marks, crazing, wrinkles, voids, foreign material and cracks in the plastic material.

3.6. Threads, Waterways, Gaskets, and Gasket Recesses. All threads, waterways, gaskets and gasket recesses shall be in accordance with USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190.

3.7. Marking. All markings shall be in accordance with USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190. In addition, the lever positions shall be marked "On" and "Off" or "Open" and "Closed" at the stops for each position on the lever or valve body.

3.8. Surface Treatment. Aluminum alloy surfaces, to include threaded surfaces, shall be hardcoated in accordance with USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190.

3.9. Surface Finish. The finish for all surfaces, to include threaded surfaces, shall be in accordance with USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190.

3.10. Performance.

3.10.1. Torque. When tested in accordance with 4.6.2, the torque required to open and close the valve shall not exceed 50 inch-pounds.

3.10.2. Proof Pressure. When tested in accordance with 4.6.3, the shutoff shall withstand 1,200 psig (8274 kPag) hydrostatic pressure with no leaks, permanent deformation, mechanical damage or structural failure. The swivel section shall rotate freely before and after proof pressure testing.

3.11. Metric Products. Metric dimensions are provided for information only, inch-pound units shall be the required units of measure for this specification. Thread series designations are indicated as 1 inch 11-1/2 NPSH and 1-1/2 inch 9 NH. Since these are thread series designations, not an indication of specific dimensions, the metric equivalents are not given. Products manufactured to metric dimensions will be considered on an equal basis with those manufactured using inch-pound units, provided they fall within the tolerances specified using conversion tables contained in the latest revision of IEEE/ASTM SI 10, and all other requirements of this specification are met.

4. INSPECTION, SAMPLING AND TEST PROCEDURES.

4.1. General Inspection and Tests. Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor is responsible for performance of all inspection requirements prior to submission for Government acceptance inspection and tests. The contractor may utilize their own facilities or any commercial laboratory acceptable to the Government. Inspection records of the examination and tests shall be kept complete and available to the Government.

4.1.1. Inspection and Test Site. The Government shall conduct lot acceptance inspection and tests to determine compliance with the specification. If lot acceptance and tests are conducted at locations other than the manufacturing facilities, the contracting officer will specify location and arrangements. In the case of on-site inspections at the contractor's facility, the contractor shall furnish the inspector all reasonable facilities for their work. During any inspection, the inspector may take from the lot one or more samples and submit them to an independent test laboratory approved by the Government or to a Government test facility for inspection and tests.

4.1.2. Testing With Referenced Documents. The contractor is responsible for insuring that components and materials used were manufactured, examined and tested in accordance with referenced specifications and standards. The Government reserves the right to perform any of the inspections or tests set forth in this section where such action is deemed necessary to assure supplies and services conform to prescribed requirements.

4.2. Responsibility for Compliance. All items shall meet all requirements of sections 3 and 4. The inspection set forth in this specification shall become a part of the contractor's overall inspection system or quality program. The absence of any inspection requirements in this specification shall not relieve the contractor of the responsibility of ensuring that all products or supplies submitted to the Government for acceptance comply with all requirements of the contract. Sampling inspection, as part of manufacturing operations, is an acceptable practice to ascertain conformance to requirements, however, this does not authorize submission of known defective material, either indicated or actual, nor does it commit the Government to accept defective material.

4.3. Sampling for Inspection. When inspection is performed, sampling shall be in accordance with ANSI/ASQC Z 1.4.

4.3.1. Lot. All ball valve shutoffs of one size presented together in one delivery shall be considered a lot for the purpose of inspection. A sample unit shall be one ball valve shutoff.

4.3.2. Sampling for Visual and Dimensional Examination. Sampling for visual and dimensional examination shall be S-3, with an Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) of 1.5 percent defective.

4.3.3. Sampling for Lot Acceptance Tests. Sampling for lot acceptance testing shall be S-3 with an AQL of 1.5 percent defective.

4.4. Inspection and Tests.

4.4.1. Visual and Dimensional Examination. When selected in accordance with 4.3.2, each sample ball valve shutoff shall be visually and dimensionally examined to determine conformance with this specification. Visual or dimensional defects shall be classified as major or minor. A defect not listed in Table 3 shall be classified as a minor defect. If the number of defects in any sample exceeds the indicated AQL, the lot shall be rejected.

Table 3. Major and Minor Defects

Defect	Classification	
	Major	Minor
1. Material and workmanship not as required.	X	
2. Inlet and outlet not axially in alignment.	X	
3. Shutoff assembly not complete.	X	
4. Dimensions and weight not as required.	X	
5. Thread dimensions not within specified tolerances and failure to pass the gage tests.	X	
6. Workmanship and finish not as required.	X	
7. Hardcoating and anodizing not as required.	X	
8. Threads not smooth and not free of imperfections.		X
9. Illegible or improper marking.		X

4.4.2. Lot Acceptance Tests. Each of the samples selected in accordance with 4.3.3 shall be tested in accordance with 4.6 to determine conformance with requirements of this specification.

4.4.3. First Article Inspection. Unless otherwise specified (see 6.3), the first article sample(s) indicated in 3.1, shall be inspected as specified in 4.4.1 and 4.6. All inspection and testing of the first article sample(s) shall stop upon a single failure and the sample(s) rejected. The contractor will be informed as to the nature of the failure, but the Government shall not be obligated to continue testing a defective item, once it is known to be defective or when it is considered in the best interest of the Government.

4.4.4. Quality Conformance Inspection. Unless otherwise specified, sampling for inspection shall be performed in accordance with ANSI/ASQC Z 1.4. The inspection level and AQL shall be specified in 4.3.3.

4.5. Certificate of Conformance. A Certificate of Conformance shall meet the requirements of USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190. Where certificates of conformance are required, the Government reserves the right to verify test any such items to determine the validity of certification. These certificates shall be based on the testing of component materials and may be performed by the component material supplier. The contractor shall provide certificates of conformance for all materials used in 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3 and 3.8 (see 4.5.2, 4.5.3, 4.5.4 and 4.5.5).

4.5.1. Certificates of Conformance in Lieu of Testing. Unless otherwise specified, certificates of conformance may be acceptable in lieu of testing end items.

4.5.2. Shutoff Body and Lever Material Test. As required by 3.3.1, shutoff body and lever material shall meet the indicated material physical property requirement listed, when tested to the defined test method.

4.5.3. Ball and Seat Physical Properties Tests. As required by 3.3.2, ball and seat material shall meet the indicated material requirement and shall be identified. If the shutoff ball and/or seat material are made of plastic, a material sample shall meet the indicated physical property requirements listed in Table 2, when tested to the test methods indicated in Table 4.

Table 4. Plastic Ball and Seat Physical Properties Test Methods

Physical Properties	ASTM Test Methods
Tensile Strength	D 638
Elongation	D 638
Rockwell Hardness	D 785
Water Absorption	D 570

4.5.4. Gasket Material Test. As required by 3.3.3, gasket material physical properties shall be meet the requirements of USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190.

4.5.5. Surface Treatment Test. As required by 3.8, aluminum alloy surfaces, to include threaded surfaces, shall be hardcoated in accordance with USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-190.

4.6. Test Procedure. Samples shall be subjected to the following tests to determine if the samples meet the requirements of this specification.

4.6.1. Fluid Medium. All testing requiring the use of a fluid medium shall be performed using municipally supplied potable water; this shall include, but is not limited to, torque testing and pressure testing. If the contractor does not have access to a municipal water supply, the testing shall be performed using any clear fresh water normally available for firefighting. First Article testing performed by the Government will be conducted using municipally supplied potable water.

4.6.2. Torque Test. As required by 3.10.1, torque testing shall be conducted. The shutoff shall be attached to a water pressure source. The discharge end shall be left open and unrestricted, with the shutoff valve in the closed position. A nozzle inlet opening pressure of 600 psig (4137 kPag) shall be applied. The rate for applying nozzle inlet pressure shall not be less than 300 psig (2068 kPag) per minute and not more than 600 psig (4137 kPag) per minute, i.e., at a uniform rate over a 1 to 2 minute time interval. Using a calibrated torque wrench, measure the amount of torque in inch-pounds/newton-meters required to open and close the nozzle. Three open/close cycles shall be performed with no failures.

4.6.3. Proof Pressure Test. As required by 3.10.2, the shutoff shall be tested for proof pressure by attaching it to a water pressure source. A blank orifice (plugged discharge end) shall be installed on the discharge/outlet. With the shutoff lever in the open position, a hydrostatic pressure of 1,200 psig (8274 kPag) shall be applied and held for 3 minutes. The rate for applying hydrostatic pressure shall not be less than 300 psig (2068 kPag) per minute and not more than 600 psig (4137 kPag) per minute, i.e., at a uniform rate over a 2 to 4 minute time interval. There shall be no leaks, permanent deformation, mechanical damage or structural failure. The swivel section shall freely rotate before and after proof pressure testing.

5. PACKAGING, PACKING and MARKING.

5.1 . Packaging, Packing and Marking. The packaging, packing and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

6. NOTES.

6.1. Intended Use. The shutoff described in this specification is a ball valve type with a 1 inch 11-1/2 NPSH or 1-1/2 inch 9 NH inlet and outlet, for use with a nozzle in wildland firefighting.

6.2. Acquisition Requirements. Acquisition documents should specify the following:

- a. Title, number, and date of this specification.
- b. If a first article sampling and inspection is not required (see 3.1, 4.4.3, and 6.3).
- c. Size of ball valve shutoff required.
- d. If certificates of conformance are acceptable in lieu of lot by lot testing (see 4.4.2 and 4.5).
- e. Packaging, packing and marking (see 5.1).

6.3. First Article. When a first article sample(s) is required, it shall be inspected and approved in accordance with the First Article clauses set forth in the solicitation. Specific instructions shall be included regarding arrangements for selection, inspection, and approval of the first article sample(s).

6.4. Notice. When Government drawings, specifications, or other data are used for any purpose other than in connection with a definitely related Government procurement operation, the United States Government thereby incurs no responsibility nor any obligation whatsoever.

6.5. Preparing Activity. USDA Forest Service, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA. 91773-3198.

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